

Remarks

By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-19 and 21-25 are currently pending in this application.

Rejection of Claims 1-16 and 25 Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In a June 29, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16 and 25 under 35 USC § 101, alleging the claims to be directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner argues that the reference to "computer readable medium" may be interpreted to include a carrier wave, which is non-statutory. The Examiner suggests amending the references to "computer readable storage medium." Applicants appreciate the Examiner's suggestion and have amended the claims accordingly. The pending claims are, therefore, believed to be in condition for allowance.

Rejection of Claims 1-25 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-19 and 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by published United States patent application publication number US 2003/0078973 ("Przekop et al.") The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.


Przekop et al. teach a system that synchronizes electronic video/audio records and corresponding electronic transcripts of the video/audio records. Accordingly, the transcripts are simply the same information as the video/audio records, but in different file formats. In the present invention an "operable electronic link in at least one of the electronic transcript files" is provided to "at least one of the electronic exhibit files," which are files containing different information. In order to further clarify this distinction, independent claims 1, 17 and 25 have been amended to recite that "said one or more electronic transcript files are not transcripts of said one or more electronic exhibit files." Thus, for at least this reason, claims 1, 17 and 25 are not anticipated by Przekop et al. Claims 2-16, 18-19 and 21-24 depend ultimately from claims 1 or 17 and are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons set forth herein with respect to claims 1 and 17.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the pending rejections and allow claims 1-19 and 21-25.

In the event any fee is due for entry of this reply, including a fee for an extension of time, is not otherwise accounted for, please charge such fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

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